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Cold week ahead

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It's a cold and dry week ahead for many, though with some snow across the south at first.

A yellow warning for ice and chance of snow has been issued for Monday afternoon into early Tuesday morning.

We could see temperatures as low as -9°C in rural Scotland and -6°C in rural Wales overnight tonight as the UK experiences much colder temperatures than recent weeks.

Some snow is expected to affect southern areas on Monday afternoon and evening, which is most likely to settle over higher ground in the south of England and Wales.

Paul Gundersen is a Met Office Chief Forecaster. He said: "High pressure is dominating our weather, sitting up to the northeast. That will bring a real chill across the south but also bring in some snow showers across southern areas of England and south Wales. Settling snow will be mainly confined to high ground at first, and most parts will see very little, but small accumulations are possible from late afternoon and through the first half of the night."

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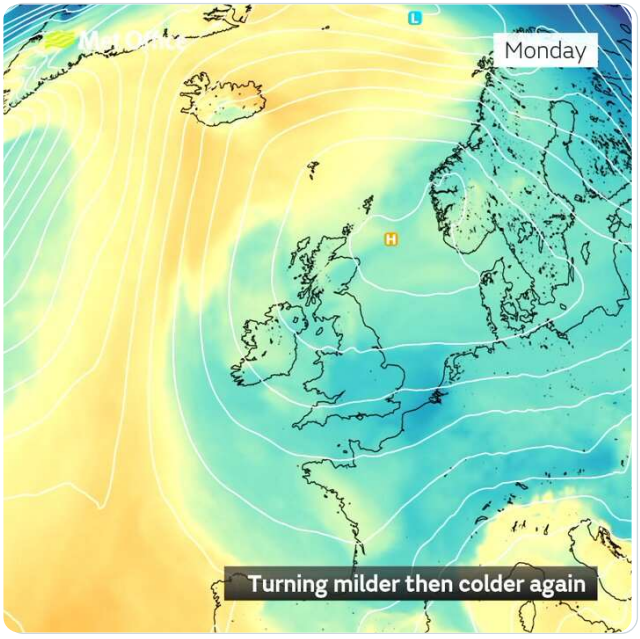
After a cold start to the new working week, temperatures return closer to average by the end of the week

A cold front sinks southwards into the weekend, bringing a return to colder air from the north



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Where snow has fallen, it could turn things icy for a time. A Met Office yellow warning for ice covers much of the south of England and south Wales from 15:00 this afternoon (Monday) to 3:00 tomorrow (Tuesday).

The UK Health Security Agency has issued a Cold Health Alert, which means significant impacts are probable across the health and social care sector.

When temperatures drop, house pipes can freeze and then burst when they thaw out. Find out more about protecting your pipes on our website.

We will see a mostly dry day on Tuesday, with some sunshine, but still cold, especially in the south where temperatures will reach no higher than 1°C to 3°C. Brisk winds will make southern areas feel even colder.

Further ahead

High pressure persists for most of this week, continuing the dry and cold conditions. Towards the weekend, a cold front from the north could introduce the risk of showers for some.

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